

RESOLUTION

RULES & GOVERNMENT
for the 5/12/08 agenda

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local state or federal governmental body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, crimes of gun violence, particularly those involving handguns, pose a major threat to the safety and security of communities throughout Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, often these crimes offer little evidence or leads for investigators; and

WHEREAS, a technology exists that imprints a micro-stamp from the firing pin of a gun onto the ammunition's cartridge case; and

WHEREAS, micro-stamped ammunition contains information that identifies the make, model and serial number of the gun, which strengthens the traceability of crime scene evidence; and

WHEREAS, the National Crime Gun Identification Act (H.R.5266/S.2605) is pending in Congress to require certain semiautomatic pistols manufactured, imported, or sold by federal firearms licenses to be capable of micro-stamping ammunition; and


WHEREAS, this bill would provide another tool for law enforcement to trace a gun from the manufacturer to the distributor, dealer and registered owner through the federal firearms licensing system; and

WHEREAS, last year the California Legislature passed similar micro-stamping legislation that will take effect beginning in 2010; and

WHEREAS, this legislation should be replicated at the federal level to enhance the ability of law enforcement to investigate and prosecute crimes of gun violence.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2007-2008 Federal Legislative Program SUPPORT of the National Crime Gun Identification Act (H.R.5266/S.2605) that would require certain semiautomatic pistols manufactured, imported, or sold by federal firearms licenses to be capable of micro-stamping ammunition.

PRESENTED BY


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SECONDED BY

